



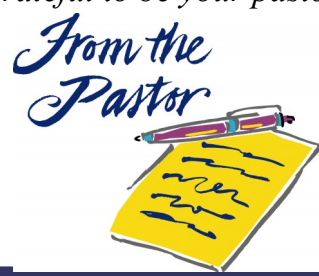
The Courier

Dear Community Church family,

I hope the new year brings you God's grace and peace. I really enjoyed our first Christmas and Advent together, and I am excited for what God will do in 2025. We joke in our family that my mother loves to celebrate the importance of things being "fresh" (food, particularly). An apple or fruit is quite good when it is perfectly ripe, but I mention this to introduce our upcoming series on Galatians, a letter by the apostle Paul. Galatians makes the startling claim that God's Jewish family is now open to all people. No longer are circumcision or food laws required; Jesus has done something new. Two thousand years later, we don't appreciate how revolutionary this was, but think of how dramatic the Civil Rights Movement in the 60's was. Segregated schools are still very much a reality in many parts of our country.

I tend to be a pretty slow-paced, traditional person. Change isn't always something I look forward to, but it's necessary if we follow a God who "makes all things new" (Revelation 21:5). I am excited for the new thing that God will do among us this year—we don't know what that is yet, but that's what makes life interesting. My family is thankful to be here and I am grateful to be your pastor.

Peace,
Pastor Zach



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Bible Study with Pastor Zach

Commencing Sunday January 12, 2025, Pastor Zach will lead a Bible study on the New Testament Book of Galatians. The Bible study will be held after Sunday's church service in Johnson Chapel starting around 11:30 AM. The study will be for six weeks. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Narthex. Please advise if you need babysitting services.

Save the Date

Game Night for All!

Sunday, January 19

4-6 PM in Founders' Hall

Bring a friend!



Our February Women's Breakfast Ministry will take place on Saturday, February 1 at 9:30 AM. We will join together for our breakfast in Founders' Hall, and then we will hear our speaker share her faith journey with us. Bring your neighbors, friends, co-workers! All are welcome! A strength of this ministry is that we come together as sisters-in-Christ, from different towns, churches, and denominations! We hope that you are able to join us.

We hope that you will mark your calendar now for the breakfast! What a good way to begin your spiritual journey for new year!



Women's
Breakfast
Ministry



Men's Group Meeting

The men of CCHP and friends are invited to attend the CCHP Men's Group Meeting which is held on the second Saturday of each month at 8:30AM in the Johnson Chapel. **Our next meeting is Saturday February 8, 2025.** Bible study covering numerous topics is discussed. Please join us for breakfast and fellowship.

Decorating and un-decorating the church for the Advent and Christmas holiday is a large task that always happens quickly and smoothly by many people "behind the scenes." We would like to acknowledge and thank those who helped with the sanctuary, narthex, chapel, poinsettia, luminary, inside and outside bulletin board and door displays. They are: June Anton, Steve Baumann, Sandy Bennington, Judy Bird, Sharon Brahs, Liz & Craig Budinich, Stephanie Budinich and children, Rich Budinich, Anita & Bob Carr, Tracy & Jeff Ciavaglia, Les Cox, Chris & John Doyle, Amy Duran, Val Hill, Kim Kaiser, Ellen Nelson, Chris & Dennis Novak, Robin Schwarte, Mishona & Zach Waldis, Linda & Ray Walko and the Sunday School children!

thank you

As we complete our terms on Consistory, thank you to Wendell Maki and Linda Walko for serving on Worship Committee and always being willing to help. Also, thank you to those who create and run the computer program for the screens and video the worship service. Our Tech Team members are: Anita Carr, Kim Kaiser, Bill Keith, Lynne Lupfer, Dennis & Chris Novak, Jeff Pond, Jeanne Serrano and Ray Walko.

It has been an honor to serve on the Worship Committee.

Chris Novak and Chris Doyle

Looking ahead—Ash Wednesday falls much later this year:

March 5th, 2025.

Look for our upcoming Lenten schedule in next month's Courier.



WORSHIP COMMITTEE – Jeff Parma & Jim Lupfer

The Advent/Christmas season is a joyous time in the life of the church and also a very busy one. We thank the many people involved in decorating the sanctuary and chapel. We appreciate the tech team, those who greeted, ushered, lit the Advent candles, served as liturgists and helped with the lovely poinsettia display and the luminaries on Christmas Eve. It was a perfect night for our candles to show the Light of Christ.

Imagine worship without our music program! Our gifted music director and pianist, Amy Duran, selects beautiful, inspirational and challenging pieces, leads the Chancel and Alleluia Children's Choirs, and often enhances the music with soloists and added musicians. We also thank Dot Abelman and the members of the Bell Choir. The Dec. 22 Musicale was an especially joyful and spiritually-uplifting service. We are truly blessed to have so many talented people sharing their God-given gifts with us.

Ushers/Greeters: Please continue to sign up in the narthex to usher and greet. We need four people each week. Two people should arrive by 9:45 AM to greet and the other two can come at the normal time and do the offering.

Happy New Year to all! May God bless you and your family in 2025.



I just wanted to thank the choir, the kids, their parents, and everyone on tech and worship for a wonderful Christmas season together. Everyone did so well, and I am so very grateful for the opportunity to share our music together and make a joyful song for our worship services.

In Christian harmony, Amy

Happy New Year from the Puppet Club. We are working hard on a new skit to be performed to the congregation shortly. We will also be greeters this month so watch for us. Come join us for a time of learning, writing, and performing. We write our own skits as well as record them and present them to the congregation. We meet each Sunday morning, in Founders' Hall, right after Rev. Waldis' children's message. Open to all ages. If you have any questions, please call Miss Joan at (201) 519-1782 or

email jhoerauf@naihanson.com.





Wini Kinkele
December 24, 2024
SYMPATHY CARDS for Wini Kinkele may be sent to her niece, Susan Arends, 10149 Trailpine Drive, Dallas, TX 75238. Donations in Wini's memory may be sent to the Community Church, or National Kidney Foundation, <https://www.kidney.org/> or Allegheny College, <https://allegheny.edu/>

Sacrament of Baptism
January 26, 2025
for
Ellen Roy Michels
Daughter of Kent Michels
Granddaughter of
Keith and Linda Michels

Baptism

ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF CHURCH ORDER, consistories are required to publish the names of persons elected as elders and deacons preceding their installation in order that "any legitimate objections may be presented to the Board of Elders for its judgment." Those elected at our January 5th congregational meeting and scheduled for installation on February 9th are listed below. Please speak to Les Cox or Zach Waldis if you have any questions.

Class of 2026
Elders: Jeff Parma
Deacons: Jeff Pond



Anonymous; Lynn Baker; DeAnna and Roger Carman; Ernie Hepperle; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Charles Moorman; Ed Serrano; Craig Terjanian; Barry Wood.

Guild for Christian Service

Happy New Year from the Guild!

We'd like to thank Chris Novak for serving as co-president for the past 2 years. We are grateful that Chris will be moving to the role of our Spiritual Life leader for 2025! Also special thanks to Sharon Brahs for serving as a spiritual life leader for the past several years. Sharon will continue to lead Rachel Circle!

The 2025 Guild executive board is as follows:

Tracy Ciavaglia - President

Val Hill - Treasurer

Kathy Dages - Secretary

Chris Novak - Spiritual Life Leader

Jean Greenlaw - Service (outreach)

Dot Abelman - Service (church)

Wendy Gumberg - Deborah Circle Leader

Sharon Brahs - Rachel Circle Leader



We are looking forward to an exciting year!

Deborah Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 11th at 7:30 pm in the Johnson Chapel. Rachel Circle will meet on Wednesday, February 12th at 1 pm in Johnson Chapel. All women are welcome to attend any circle meeting!


Please remember to return any church flower vases that you may have. Please leave them by the coat rack at the Spring Street entrance. We recycle them back to the florist which helps keep the cost of our weekly flowers at \$25.

Thank you all for your continued support!

Tracy Ciavaglia, President

The Community Church



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 7:30 Choir	3	4
5 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship, Puppets & SS	6 7:45 Bell Choir	7 7:30 Consistory	8	9 7:30 Choir	10 COURIER DEADLINE 11:30 Club 60 in FH	11 8:30 Men's Group
12 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship, Communion, Puppets & SS 11:30 Bible Study	13 7:45 Bell Choir	14 7:30 Deborah Circle 7:30 Outreach	15 9:00 Courier Assembly 1:00 Rachel Circle 7:30 RWS in FH	16 7:30 Choir	17	18
19 10:00 Worship, Puppets & SS 11:30 Bible Study 4-6:00 Game Night	20  7:45 Bell Choir	21	22 7:30 RWS in FH	23 7:30 Choir	24	25
26 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship, Baptism, Puppets & SS 11:30 Bible Study	27 7:45 Bell Choir	28	29 7:30 RWS in FH	30 7:30 Choir	31	Feb. 1 9:30 Women's Breakfast Ministry

SS=Sunday School; FH=Founders' Hall; RWS=Ramsey Wind Symphony



Life's most persistent
and urgent question is,

**“What are you
doing for others?”**

-Martin Luther King Jr.



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